GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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CATEGORY OF PERSONS ELIGIBLE TO FLY FREE
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Air India and Indian Airlines are incurring heavy expenditure on the category of persons eligible to fly free in their flights;

(b) if so, the details of the categories of persons eligible to fly free in both the airlines and total expenditure incurred/loss suffered by both the airlines during the last three years;

(c) whether the Government proposes to review the categories of persons eligible to fly free keeping in view the changed scenario in the aviation sector;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the steps taken for being taken by the Government to reduce the revenue loss on this account?

Answer

- MINISTER OF STATE(INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a) and (b): Air India and Indian Airlines issue free/ concessional air passages to their eligible employees and their family members on sectors operated by them in terms of their conditions of services. As per industry practice, free/ complimentary tickets are normally issued by Airlines in their commercial interests to tour promoters, travel writers, media personnel, important commercial contacts and prominent personalities to encourage and promote travel in their flights and to help in image building of the Company. However, no expenditure is incurred by both the airlines for the grant of free passages as these passages are issued on `Subject to load` basis.

(c): No, Sir,

(d) and (e): Do not arise.